November 17, 2013 Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Feed The Hungry, Clothe The Naked,



Shelter The Homeless, Love One Another ...."

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH HOLY REDEEMER CHURCH PARISH OFFICE

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# WEEKEND CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday -4:00PM -Immaculate Conception

Saturday - 5:30PM - Holy Redeemer

Sunday - 7:30AM - Immaculate Conception

Sunday - 9:00AM - Holy Redeemer

Sunday - 10:30AM - Immaculate Conception

# WEEKDAY CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

7:30 AM Immaculate Conception 8:30 AM Holy Redeemer

#### **CONFESSION SATURDAYS**

3:00PM - 3:30PM Immaculate Conception

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Holy Redeemer Wednesday 9:00AM-3:00PM

Parish Mission Statement
To promote and improve the
community of God by
living the Gospel message;
caring for the elderly, youth,
sick, needy, and participating
in the liturgy.

Weekly Collection November 10, 2013 \$9,414.00

## CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH

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To follow the readings in your Gather book, please see # 1190

#### **Special Collection This Weekend**

Over the past few days, one of the most powerful storms ever destroyed entire villages and devastated cities across the Philippines and Vietnam. More than 10,000 people are feared dead in Super Typhoon Haiyan and more than 9,000,000 people have been affected. Those who are suffering from the effects of this storm, our brothers and sisters, need our help. Thank you your willingness to "witness" Christ's love by your service to those in need.

<u>Diocesan Annual Appeal "Serve with Love"</u> Our parish goal is \$30,000.00 To date our pledges are \$26,580.00. We are just \$3,420.00 short of our goal. Thank you for your continued support!

#### 2014 Calendars

We wish to thank Recupero Funeral Home for once again sponsoring our parish calendars. The new calendars are in the vestibule of the churches, please take one home today.

Bereavement Mass Tuesday, November 19, 2013 6:30PM Immaculate Conception Church

Our Social Concerns Committee wishes to invite all parishioners and friends to participate in this special liturgy. As a family of faith, let us gather together with the families of fellow parishioners who have died this year. We hope this celebration will serve as a concrete reminder that you never stand alone in facing the painful and difficult moments of life; we stand together as a family of faith and, most importantly, we stand together with Jesus Himself in our midst. A social will follow in the church hall.

**Heavenly Hosts Ministry** 

As you may recall, last weekend at the Masses a member of our Parish Pastoral Council announced and invited everyone to participate in a new ministry, "Heavenly Hosts". Simply put his is a ministry of "welcome" which we wish to be able to extend to everyone who enters our worship sites. As a member of this ministry, you, will be representing Corpus Christi Parish as you greet and welcome visitors for Sunday Mass and social functions, etc. An orientation for anyone interested will be held on <a href="https://doi.org/10.1007/jhtml.new.november21st">Thursday, November 21st at 6:30PM in Immaculate Conception Church</a>.

**Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service** 

Will be held in Immaculate Conception Church on <u>Sunday, November 24th at</u> <u>3:00PM</u>. Immediately following the service, Social Concerns will host social in the church hall.

#### **Bakers Needed**

If you are willing to bake for the Bereavement Mass and/or the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service, please contact Margaret at 237-5339 or email mrogo@epix.net.

Thanksgiving Gifts for Shut ins and Nursing Homes

On Saturday, November 23rd we will meet in ICC hall from 10:00AM to 11:00AM to prepare gift bags of sweet treats which will be delivered to shut ins and nursing homes. If you can help deliver, please call the rectory or email jcecconi50@gmail.com.

**Thanksgiving Day Mass** 

Please note on Thanksgiving Day there will be one Mass only at 9:00AM at Immaculate Conception church.

#### Help for Christmas

If someone you know of needs our help for Christmas, we need the information no later than next Sunday, November 24th. Please call or e-mail Joyce at 654-2753 or jcecconi50@gmail.com. Thank you!

#### **Thanksgiving Food Drive**

We are seeking donations of frozen turkeys, non perishable foods and mone-

tary donations, which will be used to purchase perishable foods and/or turkeys for less fortunate families. If you can help, please leave donations in the vestibules of the churches or drop them off at the rectory. Anything you can give will be appreciated.

"Children Helping Children" for Thanksgiving

This Sunday, the CCD children will be making and decorating the tags which will be used to decorate our Giving Trees. These trees will be placed in the sanctuary of Holy Redeemer and Immaculate Conception Churches during the Advent season.

As they are leaving class today, the children will be given a bag which they are asked to take home and fill with I or 2 of their favorite food items which they will "share" with a less fortunate child. Next Sunday, November 24 the children will bring up the bags of food during the offertory at the 9:00AM Mass and Holy Redeemer and the 10:30AM Mass at Immaculate Conception.

Extra bags are in the sanctuary of the churches for anyone else who would like to help with this project! Your help is always appreciated!!

Vigil Candle at ICC which will burn this week in loving memory of Morlyn Hensley is donated by his wife, Mary & his children.

Holy Family Candle at ICC which will burn this week in loving memory of **Bernard Masiewicz** is donated by Lynn Cook & rosemary Denisco

### **Mass Intentions November 17th thru November 24th**

November 17th this November 24th		
Mon	7:30AM	Patricia Donnelly
		by John Callahan
	8:30AM	Michael J Salvo
		by Leona Capitano & Family
Tues	7:30AM	Gioan & Maria Niam
		by Muoi Nguyen & Family
	8:30AM	Andrew Doherty
		by Wayne Doherty
	6:30PM	<b>Deceased Members of the Parish</b>
Wed	7:30AM	Mark Popeck
		by Patti Wiatrowski
	8:30AM	Carmella Parente
		by Ron & JoAnn Patoka
Thur	s 7:30AM	All Souls
	8:30AM	Grace E. Alco
		by Humanik Family
Fri	7:30AM	Morlyn Hensley
		by wife, Mary & Family
	8:30AM	Ceil Pendleton
		by Elaine Pendleton
Sat	4:00PM	Madeline & John Casey
		by Family
	5:30PM	Steve Sokach
		by M/M Robert Fumanti
Sun	7:30AM	Steve Sokach
		by Marie Orlando-Wills
	9:00AM	Robert Kowalczyk
		by wife, Son & family
	10:30AM	Dec. Members of Scripkunas
		& Macmorran Families
		by Hubert & Liza Dixon
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### Happenings this Week

Mon 11/18 6:00PM Set up hall for Bereavement Mass 6:30PM AA Meeting (school) 7:00PM Pastoral Council mtg rectory Tues 11/19 8:30AM Yoga ICC hall 6:30PM Bereavement Mass & Social Wed 11/20 8:30AM Pilates ICC hall 6:00PM Scouts (school) 6:30PM Sewing Ministry rectory

Thurs 11/21 8:30AM Yoga ICC hall 6:00PM Pilates ICC hall 6:30PM Heavenly Hosts Orientation

ICC Church

Sat 11/23 8:30AM Pilates ICC hall 10:00AM Prepare & deliver Thanksgiving gifts for shut ins & nursing homes

### **Courtesy Announcements**

Winter Coat Drive The Care & Concern Committee at St. John the Evangelist in Pittston is looking for clean, gently used winter coats for adults and children. Donations may be dropped off at the center.

NPM Saint Cecilia Hymn Sing On Friday, November 22, the feast day of Saint Cecilia, the patron saint of music and musicians, a hymn festival will be held at 7:00PM in Saint Mary's Church, 134 S Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre. This festival presented by the Scranton Diocesan Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians will focus on the teachings of Pope Francis and will feature the newly restored pipe organ. The event is free and open to the public. For information call 823-4168 ext 130.

"Awake, Awake", an Advent Service of Word & Song Sunday, December 1 at 7:00PM at SS Anthony & Rocco Parish, Smith Street, Dunmore and Sunday, December 8 at 7:00PM at Holy Family Parish Church, Bennett Street, Luzerne. The music will be provided by a combined choir of more than 50 singers as well as an instrument ensemble. Both programs are free and open to the public.

<u>Catholic Social Services</u> proudly presents Rhythm & Wine – Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30 to 9:30 PM at Bartolai Winery, Route 92, Harding. Wine tasting - Food & Desserts by Dente - Piano Music by Paul Oschal \$50 per person Call Kelli at 570-822-7118 x357 for reservations.

Thanksgiving Bake Sale before and after all Masses Saturday and Sunday, November 23 and 24 at Prince of Peace Parish, Old Forge in St. Mary's building on Lawrence Street.

<u>Scranton Prep Players</u> presents Sherlock Homes: The Final Adventure, at 7:30PM on Friday & Saturday, November 15, 16, 22,23 & Sunday, November 17 at 2:00PM in the Bellarmine Theatre at the school. Group rates available call 570-941-PREP.